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THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" No, but a representation on the subject has been received from the hon. Member which is under consideration."

Tariff concessions to Indian hand-woven carpets.

* 1216 Q.—SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government of Madras have received any representations from the carpet merchants, Bhavani, to recommend to the Central Government to show tariff concessions to Indian hand-woven cotton carpets as is shown to the other handloom products; and

(b) whether any recommendation has been made so far?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes, Sir. Representations were received by Government from the Handloom Carpet Manufacturers' Association, Bhavani, and the Kaithari Jamakkalam Thayarippor Sangham, Bhavani, complaining about the refusal of the Railway authorities to accept booking of handloom carpets at half parcel rates.

" (b) Yes, and as a result of the same, the Railway authorities have agreed to extend the half-rate concession to consignments of handloom carpets booked by parcel or passenger trains, with effect from 15th May 1953."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question No. 1217."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" I put the question, Sir. But I wish to make a small alteration. The alteration is, in clause (c) instead of the words ' District Magistrate ' the words ' Divisional Magistrate ' should be substituted."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member cannot correct his question now."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It would be very helpful, if the question is corrected, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" But it would be quite unparliamentary to do so now."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, when a question of fact is involved and when one officer is mentioned and we get all information about it, if a sudden change of the name or identity of the officer is proposed another officer being put in, the matter gets complicated. However, I will just answer it as it stands and the hon. Member may ignore my answer to clause (c)." 9-20 a.m.

Orders under section 144 *in Guntur town.*

* 1217 Q.—SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether an order under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code was promulgated in Guntur town on 16th June 1953;

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(b) whether there were lathi charges in that connexion; and

(c) whether the District Magistrate used a cane himself?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) Yes. On 16th June 1953, an order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, was promulgated by the Subdivisional Magistrate, Guntur, prohibiting any assembly of five or more persons within a distance of 250 yards from the factory of Messrs. British India Tobacco Corporation, Limited. The order was made applicable to the branch factory also on the next day. The object was to prevent intimidation of workmen and staff who were willing and wanting to work and to prevent annoyance to the public and disturbance of public tranquillity.

" (b) It is true that there was a lathi charge on that day. The crowd did not disperse in spite of the prohibitory order. After several warnings, the Police had to use tear gas to disperse the mob. This had no effect. A mild lathi charge was therefore made and the mob dispersed soon after.

" (c) It is not true that the District Magistrate used a cane himself. By the time he reached the spot, the lathi charge was over, and the mob had dispersed and were leaving the place.

" I may add the situation has now settled down and it is hoped these questions and answers will not undo the conciliation process."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" I want a half-hour debate on this question, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" No, it is not possible."

Reprinting of Board's Standing Orders.

* 1218 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state when the Government propose to reprint the Board's Standing Orders, Volumes I to IV, and when they were last printed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have already ordered the reprint of the Board's Standing Orders which were last reprinted in 1931. The Superintendent, Government Press, has stated that he has since taken up the reprinting of Volume I of the Board's Standing Orders and that the reprint of the other volumes will be taken up successively."

" Korambus " in the Cauvery for Pugalur and Vangal channels.

* 1219 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the average annual amounts spent for the construction of " Korambu " in Cauvery for Pugalur and Vangal channels in Karur taluk;